

3-10-2025 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
March 10, 2025

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Rachel Brannon
Chris Craven
Tina Velazquez Hays
Treasure Hinds
Kimberly Kapustein
Tracie Mahadeo
Caroline Thienes
Albert Wang
Rachel Wright

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager

Guests:

Ali Marcus, Happy Time Studio

CALL TO ORDER

Tracie Mahadeo called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rachel Wright moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2025. Chris Craven seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CHAIR REPORT

Tracie Mahadeo provided information to the commission about recent literary programming at the Issaquah KCLS branch as well as details about the 2025 Young Artists and Authors Showcase program through the Sister Cities Commission.

STAFF REPORT

Amy Dukes shared details about the 2025 Arts Commission recruitment process. She also provided information about the joint meeting with the Park Board in April.

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AGENDA ITEMS

A Creative District Recertification (D)

Arts Commissioners reviewed a presentation about the creative district recertification process and discussed the initial 5-year workplan development from the Creative District Advisory Board.

B Public Art Updates (I)

Amy Dukes provided updates on public art projects including the pedestrian park and senior center plazas as well as possible art integration at the upcoming dog park project.

C Chalk Art Festival Planning (D)

Arts commissioners discussed plans for the Chalk Art Festival on July 22, 2025, including adding extra chalk art throughout the creative district, scavenger hunt elements, additional entertainment and creating a festival theme.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Onxy Gallery exhibition and Living Voices' performance "Fly for Freedom" at Blakely Hall on February 27 was well presented and attended.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.